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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: The Application filed 09/30/03.
2. Claims 1-29 are pending in this case. Claims 1, 11, and 23, are independent claims.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 1-4, 6-14, 16-19, 21-25, and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Anuff et al (US-6,327,628 12/04/01).

-In regard to substantially similar independent claims 1, 11, and 23, Anuff teaches a method for generating a page/graphical user interface, the method comprising:

determining a data source specification (column 3, lines 61-67; column 4, lines 1-5; column 7, lines 5-25; column 10, lines 52-67) and a layout specification for the page (column 2, lines 3-12; column 4, lines 6-14; column 7, lines 65-67; column 8, lines 1-64)(Fig. 5a & 5b); the data source specification and layout specification being declaratively specified by a user (column 2, lines 1-12; column 3, lines 44-67; column 4, lines 1-14), the data source specification including access information for a data source (column 3, lines 58-67; column 4, lines 1-5; column 7, lines 5-25; column 10, lines 52-62; column 13, lines 53-67; column 14, lines 1-9); retrieving data for the data source based on the data source specification and the access information (column 7, lines 5-25; column 10, lines 52-67); determining a layout for the data

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based on the layout specification (column 2, lines 3-12; column 4, lines 6-14; column 7, lines 65-67; column 8, lines 1-64)(Fig. 5a & 5b); and generating the page using the data and the determined layout (column 2, lines 1-20; column 3, lines 44-65: "HTML web page").

-In regard to dependent claims 2, 12, and 24, Anuff teaches wherein the data source specification comprises a data type for the data source (column 3, lines 61-67; column 4, lines 1-5; column 7, lines 5-25; column 10, lines 52-67).

-In regard to dependent claims 3 and 13, Anuff teaches wherein the data type comprises at least one of a spreadsheet data type, XML data type, SQL data type, web service data type, and a web page data type (column 3, lines 61-67; column 4, lines 1-5; column 7, lines 5-25; column 10, lines 52-67).

-In regard to dependent claims 4, 14, and 25, Anuff teaches wherein the access information comprises a path to the data source (column 3, lines 58-67; column 4, lines 1-5; column 7, lines 5-25; column 10, lines 52-62; column 13, lines 53-67; column 14, lines 1-9).

-In regard to dependent claims 6, 16, and 27, Anuff teaches wherein the data source specification comprises a filtering specification that filters data retrieved from the data source (column 7, lines 20-22: "obtain filtered data from a network location").

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-In regard to dependent claims 7, and 18, Anuff teaches wherein the layout specification comprises a tabular layout (column 4, lines 6-14; column 7, lines 65-67; column 8, lines 1-64)(Fig. 5a & 5b).

-In regard to dependent claims 8 and 19, Anuff teaches wherein determining the layout comprises formatting the retrieved data using the specified layout (column 2, lines 3-12; column 4, lines 6-14; column 7, lines 65-67; column 8, lines 1-64)(Fig. 5a & 5b).

-In regard to dependent claims 9, 21, and 28, Anuff teaches wherein the page comprises a web-based page (column 3, lines 44-47: "HTML web page")(Fig. 2).

-In regard to dependent claims 10, 23, and 29, Anuff teaches wherein the page comprises a portlet (column 3, lines 44-47: "modules containing the resources")(Fig. 2).

-In regard to dependent claim 17, Anuff teaches wherein the layout interface comprises one or more layout options that enables the user to declaratively specify a layout type (column 2, lines 3-12; column 4, lines 6-14; column 7, lines 65-67; column 8, lines 1-64)(Fig. 5a & 5b).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 5, 15, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anuff et al (US-6,327,628 12/04/01).

-In regard to dependent claims 5, 15, and 26, Anuff teaches wherein the user can customize the portal to access a particular type of resource on a network (column 3, lines 58-67; column 4, lines 1-5). Anuff also teaches wherein the user selected accessed resource could be external web sites (column 7, lines 5-25; column 10, lines 52-67). Anuff does not specifically teach wherein the access the path to these resources comprises a URL. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the access of said web sites to have included utilizing the sites URL's, because it was notoriously well known at the time of the invention that URL's provided the benefit of accessing resources on the Internet.

7. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anuff et al (US-6,327,628 12/04/01) in view of Maslov (US-6,538,673 03/25/03).

-In regard to dependent claim 20, Anuff teaches wherein the user can customize the portal to access a particular type of resource on a network (column 3, lines 58-67; column 4, lines 1-5). Anuff also teaches wherein the user selected accessed resource could be external web sites (column 7, lines 5-25; column 10, lines 52-67). Anuff does not specifically teach wherein the data source interface does not include the access information for the data source before it was declaratively specified by the user. Maslov teaches wherein the a data source interface includes the access information (i.e. URL) for the data source only after it was declaratively specified by the user (column 5, lines 43-45 & 63-67; column 8, lines 56-62: "includes URL address"). It

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would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the data source interface to have not included the access information before the user specified the data source, because Maslov teaches that it was notoriously well known in the art that before the interface could know the access information the user must have browsed to the data source first (column 5, lines 43-45 & 63-67; column 8, lines 56-62: "includes URL address"). Maslov taught that this provided the benefit of only showing/storing the access information of specific user designated data sources (column 5, lines 43-45 & 63-67; column 6, lines 15-19; column 8, lines 56-62: "includes URL address").

### ***Conclusion***

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please note the additional prior art references listed on the supplied PTO-892 form.

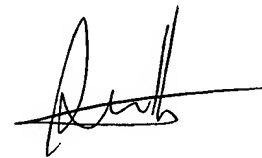
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adam L. Basehoar whose telephone number is (571)-272-4121. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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